



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Attorney Docket No. 04775.00001)

In the Application of Jerry W. Lennon)

Application No. 09/733,197)

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: December 8, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 2171

For: CUSTOMER IMAGE CAPTURE AND USE)
THEREOF IN A RETAILING SYSTEM)

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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions to make the above-cited application special for accelerated examination. The application was filed on December 8, 2000 and has not received any examination by the examiner. All of the claims are directed to a single invention.

As provided by 37 CFR 1.101(c), the reason for the request is that the Applicant may not be able to assist in the prosecution of the application due to the state of Applicant's health. A doctor's certificate is attached to corroborate this possibility.

Although applicant believes that no fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with this Petition to Deposit in No. 01-0850.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: Application of Jerry W. Lennon
Application of 09/733.197

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the primary doctor of Mr. Jerry W. Lennon. Mr. Lennon is undergoing treatment for advanced liver disease. As individuals respond differently to such treatments, it is uncertain how Mr. Lennon may respond to treatment including the side effects that may result from such treatment or the success of his treatments. If the treatments are not successful, the disease could continue to progress and become a serious threat to his physical health and ability to cooperate with your office.

In my professional opinion, any courtesy or consideration granted to Mr. Lennon will allow him to provide his best effort in your review process.

Sincerely,

James R. Clark, M.D.

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